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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit News: Michigan court officials warn of possible email scam

"The administrative agency of the Michigan Supreme Court is warning people about a possible email scam that sounds official. The State Court Administrative Office says Friday the email notice states the recipient is accused of "illegal software use" or other offenses. They instruct the recipient to download an attached "complaint" or click on a website link."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

WDIV: Email scam using fake court summons to target victims

[Full story](#)

E-mail scam uses fake court summons to target victims, possibly to transmit computer virus or malware

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Ex-Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway wants out of Camp Cupcake

"Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway, who is serving a one-year sentence for bank fraud, wants out of prison and says her unique status is keeping her confined longer than what's normal."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit News: Ex-Michigan Supreme Court Justice Hathaway wants out of prison early

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Patricia Boyle, Howell: Ex-jurist dedicated to her family, law

"Patricia Boyle was committed to many things but she held two things above the rest: her family and, as a jurist, to improving Michigan's criminal justice system, according to relatives and colleagues.... Mrs. Boyle, a former judge on the Detroit and federal bench and Michigan Supreme Court justice, died Monday, Jan. 13, 2014, of respiratory failure while visiting a relative in Florida. She was 76."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Macomb County Legal News: Former high court justice remembered as legal pioneer

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News

The Arab American News: Michigan courts seek Arabic speaking interpreters

"The Michigan Supreme Court announced earlier this month that it is seeking Arabic interpreters to help non-English speakers during court proceedings. It is also in search of interpreters who can speak Spanish, Cantonese, French, Haitian Creole, Hmong, Ilocano, Khmer, Korean, Laotian, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Somali, Tagalog and Vietnamese."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Holiday Hours

"The Michigan Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and the State Court Administrative Office will be closed Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Third Circuit Court Civil, Criminal and Family Divisions will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The 36th District Court will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee Legal News: Judge knows the value of 'never giving up'

"Consider him a late bloomer. Darnell Jackson, a Saginaw Circuit Court judge, certainly had his struggles in high school, where he posted a 1.97 grade point average, barely good enough to merit a diploma from Saginaw Buena Vista. So how does he explain his eventual rise to the circuit court seat? "Perseverance," he proclaimed."

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Herald Palladium: The price of justice is coming down

"Streamlining the process of lining up prospective jurors for trials means less inconvenience for the public and lower costs for the Berrien County court system, officials said Thursday."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: High court justice names to forensic science panel

"The U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) have announced appointments to a newly created National Commission on Forensic Science."

[Full story](#)

Macomb Daily: Clinton Township: Judge rules against compost site

"A compost facility in Clinton Township that has been the subject of numerous complaints of foul odors has been violated zoning laws and must scale back operations, according to township officials. Macomb County Circuit Court Judge Edward Servitto on Wednesday ruled Uni-Dig's site on Quinn Road east of Gratiot Avenue is not permitted in the zoning district, Clinton Township said in a news release."

[Full story](#)

The MLW Blog: Genesee County courts closed Friday, Jan. 17

"Genesee County courts and all offices located in the county courthouse and administration building are closed on Friday, Jan. 17. The county is implementing a furlough day for certain employees. The furlough days are a way for the county to cut costs in the 2013-14 fiscal year."

[Full story](#)

Muskegon County Legal News: Muskegon County breaks ground on long-awaited jail expansion

"It has been more than 20 years in the making, but the county jail expansion got underway Jan. 14 with a ground-breaking ceremony postponed from last week."

[Full story](#)

Muskegon County Legal News: COA Chief Judge Murphy to share expertise nationally

"William B. Murphy's position as head of the Michigan Court of Appeals (COA) will end in January 2015, but he will continue to be immersed in "Chief Judge" issues for years thereafter."

[Full story](#)

The News-Herald/Southgate: WOODHAVEN: Judge brings artwork to her courtroom to reflect all communities it serves

"The verdict is in — and 33rd District Judge Jennifer Coleman Hesson's courtroom has been ruled by area municipal officials as having one of the best 'community-oriented' atmospheres Downriver. The court, which is based on Van Horn Road in Woodhaven, serves Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile Township, Rockwood, Trenton and Woodhaven."

[Full story](#)

Rapid Growth: Restorative Circles program builds empathy, conflict resolution skills in middle school students

"Rather than punishing and shaming students for disruptive behavior, a pilot program called Restorative Circles aims to help them explore what happened, reflect on their role, and restore harmony to relationships and in the larger school community. The program at Wyoming's Godfrey Lee Middle School launched last fall as a new outreach of the Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan, a local nonprofit with the mission of helping people to solve their differences peacefully and constructively using a trained mediator."

[Full story](#)

Royal Oak Patch: Oak Ridge Students Get Their Day in Court

"The people seated in the jury box in a Royal Oak judge's courtroom on Wednesday weren't from the typical jury pool. They were kids. Fifth-graders to be precise. Students from Oak Ridge Elementary visited Judge Derek Meinecke's courtroom at the 44th District Court building for a close-up look at the justice system."

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